



## Charles County Commissioner

### DEBRA M. DAVIS, Esq. ♦ DISTRICT 2



Commissioner Debra M. Davis, Esq., was raised in Upper Marlboro, Md. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from the University of Maryland in College Park and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore's School of Law. Commissioner Davis has been practicing law for the past 18 years. She is a civil litigator who practices law in her own firm, the Law Office of Debra M. Davis, in Upper Marlboro. She is licensed to practice law in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia as well as the United States District Courts of Maryland and the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Commissioner Davis was elected to the Charles County Board of Commissioners in 2010 and is currently serving her first term. Prior to her entry into politics, she was a leader for many years in government and civic organizations. She was appointed by Governor O'Malley to the Real Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board for Charles County in 2009.

Currently, Commissioner Davis sits on the Board of Governors for the Maryland State Bar Association, and is the immediate past-president of the Prince George's County Bar Association, an organization of more than 1,200 lawyers and judges who live and/or practice law in Prince George's County. She is the past president and a member of the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, and a member of the American Bar Association, Maryland State Bar Association, Prince George's County Bar Association, Salome A. Howard Bar Association, and Zonta International.

In August 2012, Commissioner Davis completed the University of Maryland's Academy for Excellence in Local Governance professional development program. She is a 2009 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland, a 1999 Maryland State Bar Association Leadership Fellow, and served on the African American Leadership Summit for the U.S. Congress in 2004.

She has received numerous awards and commendations; in 2012, Commissioner Davis was honored as one of Maryland's TOP 100 Women by *The Daily Record* for her leadership, professional accomplishments, commitment to community service, and mentoring. Other accolades she has received include the NAACP Foot Soldiers Award for outstanding community service, the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association Legal Excellence Award, and the President's Award, to name a few.

Commissioner Davis is the County Commissioner representative on the Charles County Commuter Ferry Stakeholders Group; Charles County Economic Development Executive Board; Charles County Department of Social Services; Blue Ribbon Commission on Diversity & Intergroup Relations; Tourism Advisory Board; and the Charles County Unity in Our Community Diversity Forum Planning Committee. She has spearheaded the Charles County intern program, bi-monthly town hall meetings, and the Charles County 2020 Vision program, a comprehensive, long-term plan to address poverty in rural areas.

Commissioner Davis and her husband, Christopher, currently reside in Rison with their daughters, Kendra and Maya.

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